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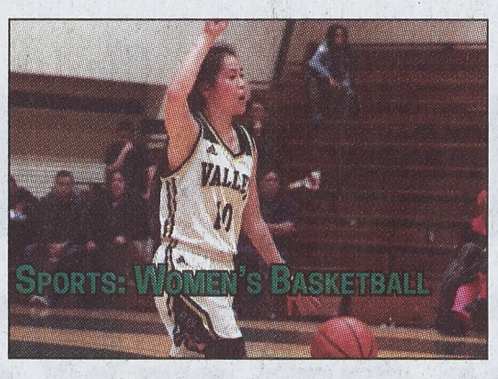

SPORTS: WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

VALLEY LIFE: STUDENT PARENTS GET SOME HELP ON CAMPUS

POLITICS: TRAVEL BAN, ROUND TWO

A family resource for student-parents

Students with children now have more options for daycare with a center designed to help busy parents study while on campus.

PHOTO BY/ ANA RAMOS

QUALITY TIME- The new center helps alleviate some of the pressure on young parents, allowing busy students who have young children to study and still spend time with thier kids.

BY KATHLEEN ZAMORA AND ANA RAMOS

Los Angeles Valley College's Family Resource Center welcomes all student-parents to their Kid-Friendly Study Lounge every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to offer equal academic assistance to students with children.

According to the Institute of Women's Policy Research 30 percent of community college students are raising children, and at Valley College more than 300 student-parents take advantage of the opportunities and services the Family Resource Center has to offer them. One of those opportunities is the Kid-Friendly Study Lounge where the parents can take their kids with them, focus on their classes in one room with the help of a tutor and have their children learning and socializing in another room under the supervision of child-development interns.

"Student parents juggle so much and it's hard to leave your children at home and explain to them that you need to leave because you have a group project to do, or a test to study for," said Amber Angel, program coordinator at the Family Resource Center, "and I think it's wonderful that you can bring your kids with you to the study lounge."

During the Kid-Friendly Study Lounge parents not only get help with their homework but also have textbooks available to borrow. They interact with other parents the way kids do with other kids.

"Interns interact with the children according to their age," said Pam, intern assistant

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Few show to polls

BY D. R. HARWARD
STAFF WRITER

It was business as usual at the polls on Tuesday as voter apathy resulted in a record low number of votes being cast in a Los Angeles county municipal election.

Incumbents swept the races for city leadership positions led by Mayor Eric Garcetti who enjoyed a landslide victory—earning over ten times as many votes as his nearest competitor. City Attorney Mike Feuer and Controller Ron Galperin will also be returning to office; joining re-elected City Councilmembers Joe Buscaino, Mitch O'Farrell, Mike Bonin, Paul Koretz, Curren D. Price, Jr.and Gilbert "Gil" Cedillo.

Newcomer Bob Blumenfield ran unopposed in City Council District 3 and District 7 will be host to a showdown between Monica Rodriguez and Karo Torossian in a runoff election scheduled to take place on May 16.

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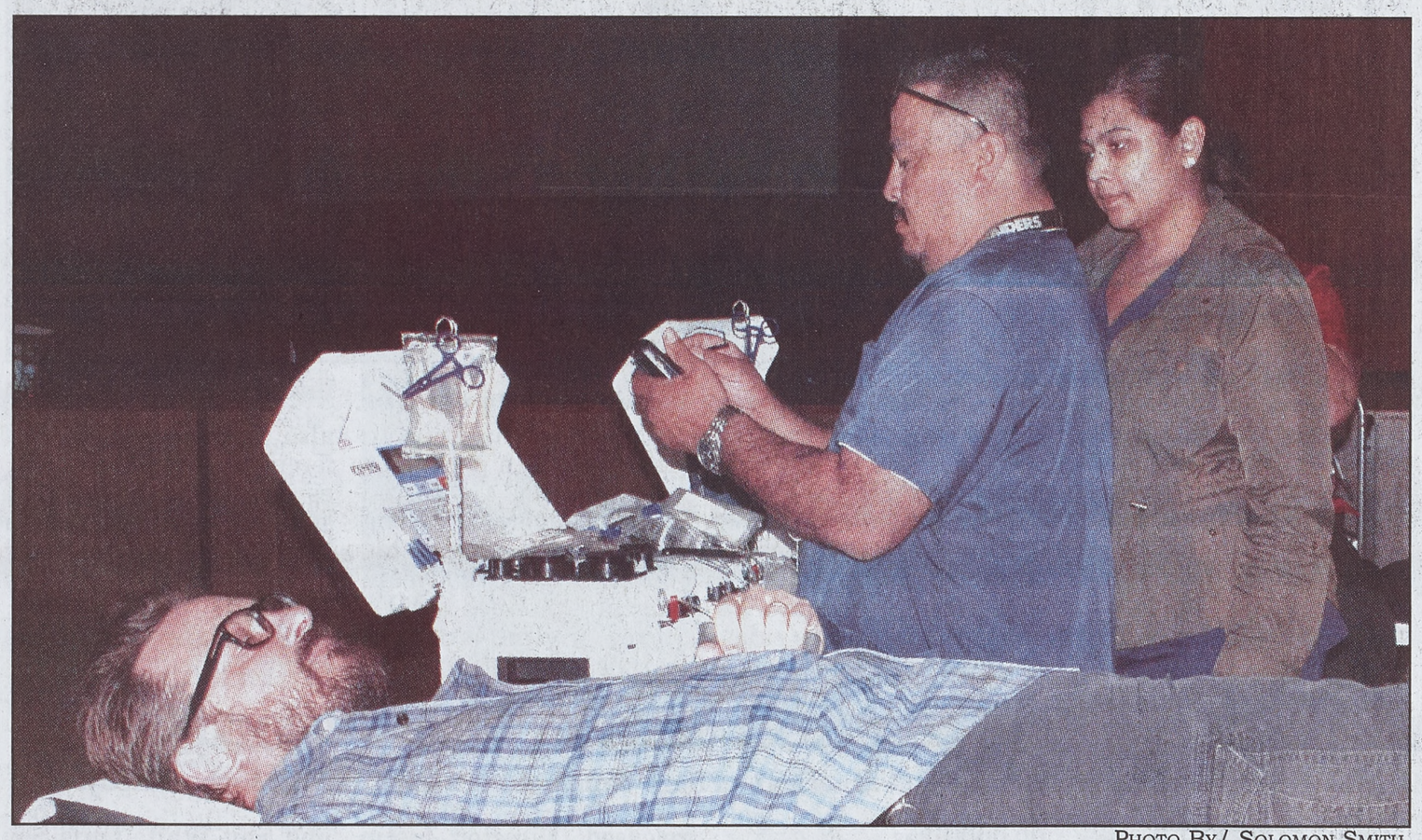

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DONORS- A donor gives life-saving blood to the Red Cross in the Valley Monarch Hall utilizing the new methods and machines.

Blood Drive Features New Tech

Red Cross uses new technology to Valley to draw blood and return plasma to student donors.

BY LONNIE DOMINGUEZ
STAFF WRITER

At the Red Cross blood drive in Valley's Monarch Hall on Tuesday, "Power Red" allowed students to give blood while hanging onto their plasma.

The machine consists of two white-metal boxes with tubes and bags of saline attached, all connected to the donor.

According to Red Cross technicians, the MCS Plus machine, or "Power Red," separates red blood cells from blood plasma by spinning the blood through a centrifuge then draining the blood and plasma into separate bags. The plasma is then returned to the donor through an I.V.

The whole process lasts around 30 to 45 minutes and during that time, the donor simply relaxes on a padded table. Unlike a normal blood donation, which allows donors to give blood every 56 days, donors who undergo the 'Power Red' process must wait 112 days.

Leon Coleman, who has given blood before and was contacted by the Red Cross to give again.

"It feels nice that giving blood is helping the community," Coleman said.

One student who chose to donate time and blood was accounting major Venobio Arana, who wanted to give blood after his grandfather passed away in Mexico due to a lack in available blood.

"That stayed in my mind, that any person could have donated blood," Arana said. "That's why I'm here." The process of donation blood usually last around 30 minutes; however, not everyone is eligible to donate blood. Students who are sick, have an infection, taking blood thinners, or are undergoing any kind of radiation treatment, are not eligible to give. There are also some restrictions for students with tattoos and those are decided on a case-by-case basis.

After giving blood, donors are allowed to rest at a table in the hall and

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Valley will still be a sanctuary

Some California schools seek to reassure undocumented students that their education will not be affected.

BY ALIYAH ALLEN
STAFF WRITER

A growing number of California school districts are reassuring undocumented students that they will be able to attend school without the interference of federal authorities.

As fear grows over the Donald Trump's immigration bans, a movement is spreading around the Bay Area and across the country with petitions signed by students, faculty and alumni at colleges and universities to turn the institutions into "Sanctuary Campuses."

This issue arose from the worry that federal immigration enforcement officials could soon disrupt college campuses to apprehend and deport immigrant students.

The 28 Schools that have declared themselves sanctuary campuses are Reed College, Columbia, Wesleyan, Portland, Oregon, and all 23 California State Universities.

These schools strongly believe in protecting their at-risk students by declaring the campuses to be safe places from federal immigration officials.

California State University Chancellor Timothy White made a public statement on the college system fostering a learning community that is "safe and welcoming" for its students who are in the United States illegally.

As one of the largest public university system in the nation, Cal State's mission is to provide access to higher education and embrace the diversity of its 470,000 students.

Chancellor White said during a Board of Trustees meeting in Long Beach," Unless forced to by law, Cal State will not enter into agreements with state or local law enforcement agencies, Homeland Security or any other federal department for the enforcement of federal immigration law."

School board members in several districts, including Los Angeles Unified and Pittsburgh, have designated their districts as "," to protect their students.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Karen Daar released a statement regarding Valley College views on the issue: " Valley College does stand strong with the CSUs in

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VALLEY LIFE

'Get Out' director gets tone just right on race anxiety

First-time director Jordan Peele sets a new standard for horror movies and race relations in his groundbreaking horror film.

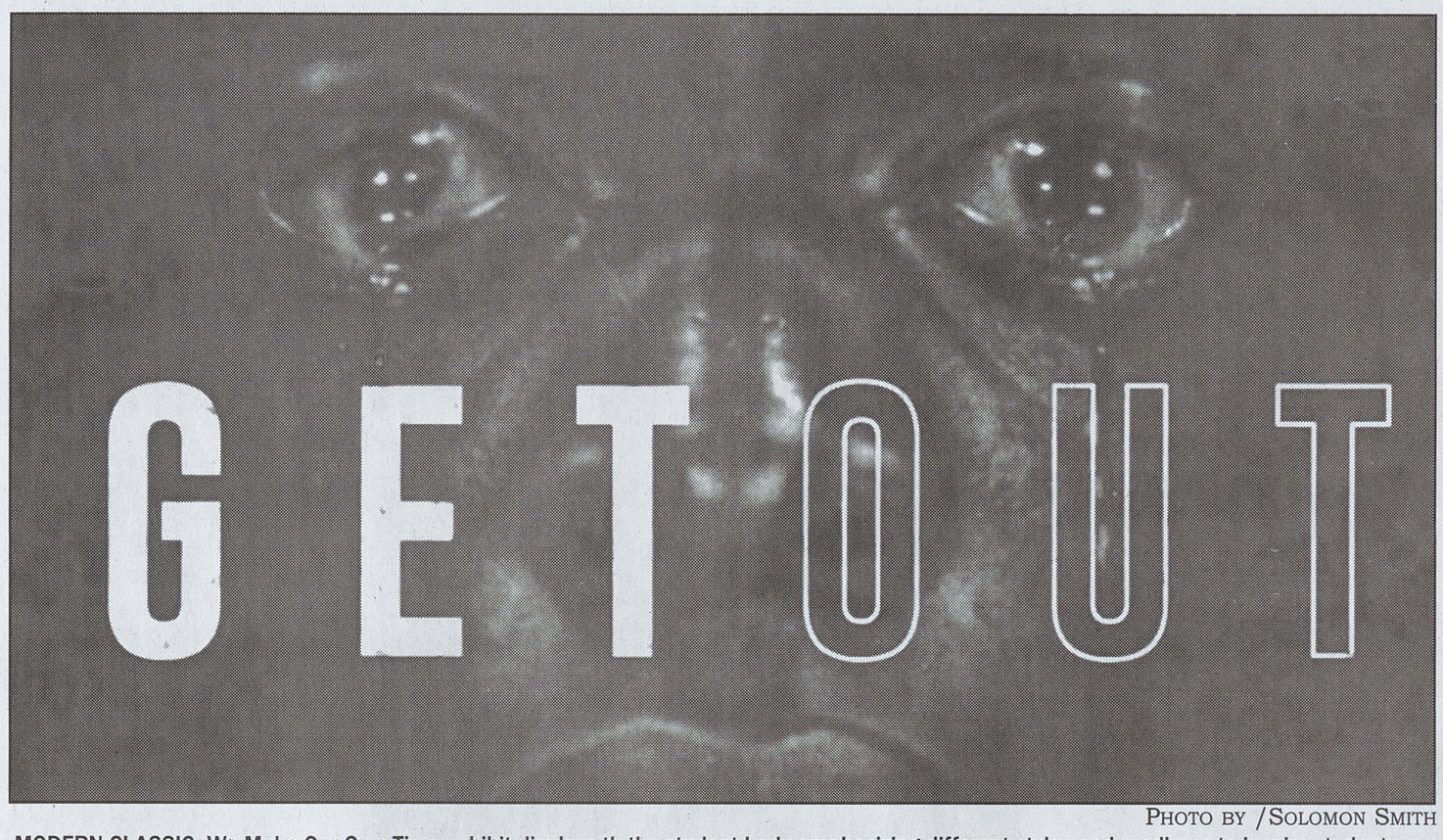


PHOTO BY /SOLOMON SMITH

MODERN CLASSIC- We Make Our Own Time exhibit displays th the student body emphasizing different styles and mediums to inspire students.

BY KAYLA HEWITT
STAFF WRITER

"Get Out" is the directorial debut of Jordan Peele, of sketch show Key and Peele fame.

The film follows a young black man from an unnamed city who decides to take a weekend trip with his white girlfriend to visit her parents. What's expected to be a weekend of microaggresions and gentle racial insensitivity instead turns into a fight to survive.

"Get Out" manages to deftly turn most black people's personal fears and anxieties about being hyper visible in all white spaces into a white-knuckle thriller. Get Out is raw and honest- while the scenario may not be the same, the feelings of being scrutinized, talked down to, and studied like an animal are something very familiar. Interestingly, the film manages to create an intensely and clearly black story with only five black characters ever appearing on screen more than once.

The film is filled with the quick, witty dialogue you would expect of a successful comedy writer.

Chris' friend Rod, in one scene, goes on a bizarre tangent about Jeffrey Dahmer, to which Chris quickly hangs up on him. There are the awkward conversations at the party that Rose's family throws, where her white family members proclaim their love of Barack Obama and Tiger Woods to Chris. But the film does not only rely on humor- the stunning imagery of the film plays a large role, from the wounded deer that Chris associates with to the silent bingo scene reminiscent of a slave auction.

While the writing and pacing were outstanding, the strength of "Get Out" also lies in the casting. Daniel Kaluuya was near perfect as Chris, a young black photographer from the city, playing the role with the perfect mix of reserved coolness and painful vulnerability that you would find in someone who had survived a serious trauma.

Allison Williams plays Rose, Chris' cool, liberal girlfriend, to whom race seems like such a non-issue that she claimed that she neglected to even tell her parents that Chris was black.

Milton "lil Rel" Howery plays the wise-cracking best friend Rod, advising Chris over the phone about how to approach Rose's family. Lastly, Caleb Landry Jones plays Rose's brother, Jeremy, an apathetic medical student bizarrely obsessed with judo and lacrosse.

"Get Out" is a film about duality. Due to his previous experience writing sketches, Peele knows how to write a piece aimed at a singular climax, where everything points to the same conclusion, and he did the same with his first feature film. After seeing the movie all the way through, the dialogue of the actors throughout takes on a more sinister, double-edged meaning in light of the ending; what seems like simple, tone deaf quips, become insidious when considering the final scene.

Photojournalist and instructor shares art with students

Valley photojournalism professor, Rod Lyons debuts his new book 'Not Invisible" revealing a variety of black male experiences in the Los Angeles area.

BY ADRIANA RUBIO
STAFF WRITER

Valley College photography professor Rod Lyons introduced his latest work in an effortless yet emotionally grasping self-published book, "Not Invisible."

Rod Lyons has dedicated over 40 years to photojournalism and fine art photography. He has works displayed at the California African American Museum of Art and the Smithsonian's Museum of African American History and Culture. Lyons became motivated to produce "Not Invisible", after reading "The Invisible Man" by Ralph Ellison again, two years ago. He had originally read it as young teen but it never truly resonated with him until recently. Being a black photographer, He felt compelled to unveil a deeper, softer, yet still powerful side of black men through his photography.

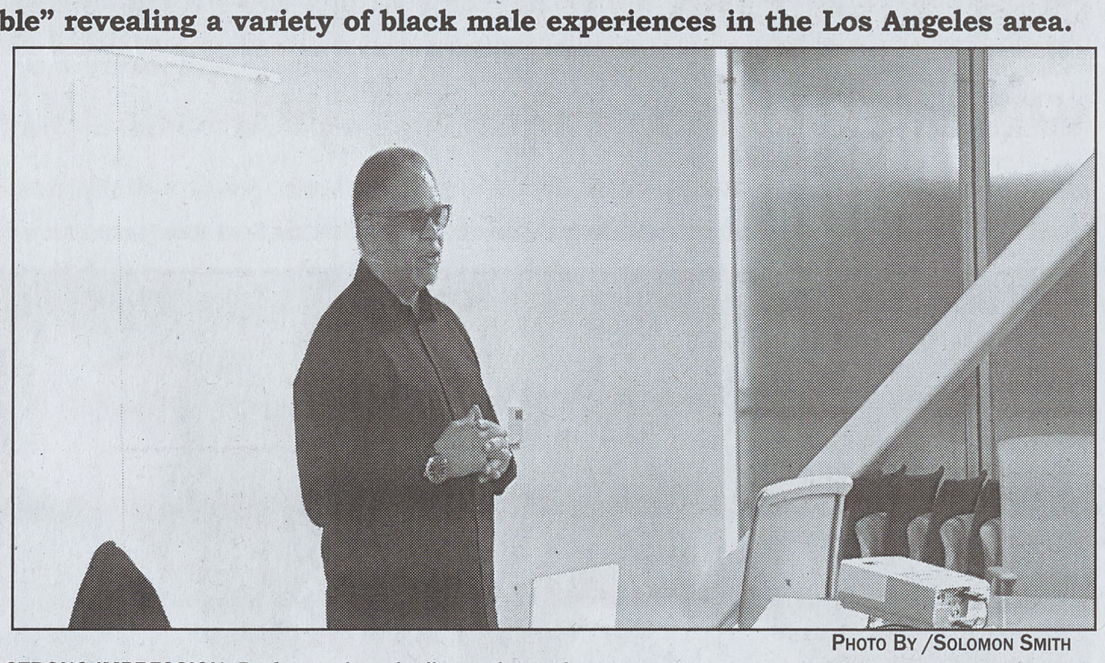
"I want to show people in a way they are not usually seen," Lyons said, "to go beyond reflecting lifestyles."

Lyons' photos offer a wide variety of black-and-white candids showing another aspect of black men in society. On one page, there is a photo of a black city councilman dressed in a suit which is juxtaposed on the next page by a photo of black men dressed in looser, relaxed clothing during the gang truces of 1994. Although the photos, fashions and background context differ tremendously, one thing the photos share is the deep emotions dispersed throughout imagery. The men featured have all been captured in perfect flashes of happiness, sadness, pensiveness, or concern.

"Striving to capture that moment that is just right," Lyons said, "it takes timing, intuition and insight."

As a photographer with a photojournalist background in the 1970's through the 90's, Lyon's was surrounded by the images and realities of the civil rights movement. He was no stranger to funerals in his community. A great deal of his work and inspiration has come from his African-American roots. In 1991 during black history month, Lyon's got the opportunity of a lifetime---he photographed Rosa Parks.

"It is one of my proudest moments," Lyons said, "she is someone I've admired all of my life."



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STRONG IMPRESSION- Performer in red stikes a dramatic pose on stage.

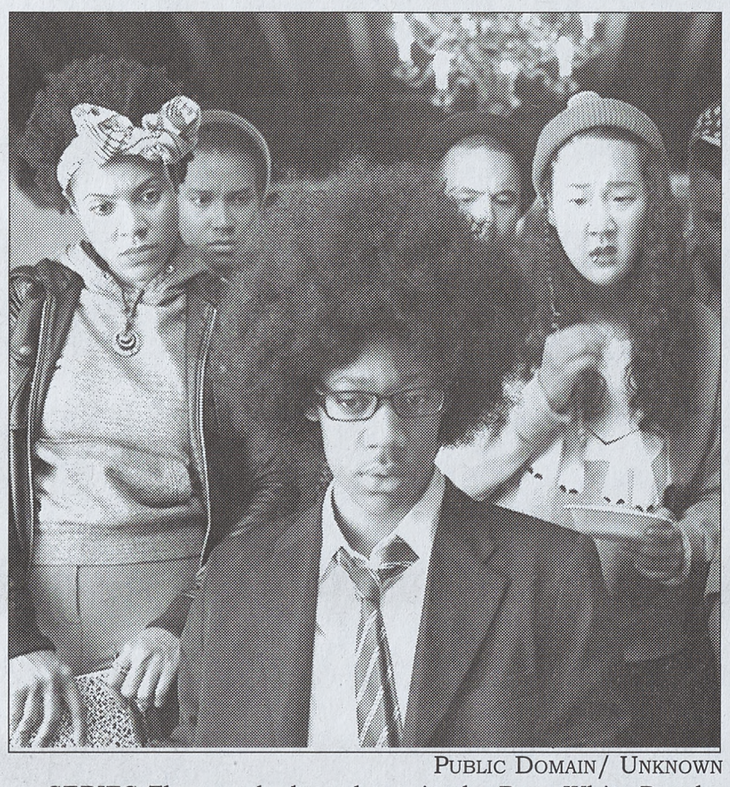
Lyons captured Mrs. Parks essence, elegantly gazing out of a window, looking towards her vision of the future.

"It's one of my favorite photographs," Lyons said.

Professor Lyons has a degree in Journalism with an emphasis in photojournalism from California State University, Long Beach. He continued his education there 20 years later and pursued a MFA degree in fine art photography. Professor Lyons also teaches several different photography courses at Valley. It is not often students get a chance to learn from a professor of Lyons caliber. He has mastered his art, surpassed stereotypes, and is sharing it with us all.

Television series Dear White People rubs some the wrong way

In the new and, for some, controversial Netflix series, Dear White People racial issues on American college campuses are explored through comedy.



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SERIES-The cast looks aghast, in the Dear White People.

BY ROBERT ARIAS
STAFF WRITERS

Video streaming service, Netflix faces controversy over misconceptions on their upcoming series Dear White People.

On February 8, Netflix released a 34 second trailer where a voice-over says, "Dear White People, here's a list of acceptable halloween costumes: pirates, slutty nurse, any of our first 43 presidents. Top of the list of unacceptable costumes: me."

Some people believe the show promotes anti-white propaganda based on the title alone. Since the trailer's release on Youtube, it has over 4 million views with about 400,000 dislikes and only 60,000 likes.

One Youtube commenter says, "I love how making a series called 'Dear White People' is considered okay by Netflix while a series called 'Dear Black People' would be considered racist..."

Some Netflix subscribers took to Twitter announceing subscription cancellations in protest.

Netflix's summary of the upcoming series reads: "Based on the acclaimed indie film, this series satirizes 'post-racial' America as students of color navigate a predominantly white Ivy League college." The film follows four black students at a fictional, predominantly white Ivy League college. In an interview with Vice, back when the film was released, Director Justin Simien stated that the film is more about self identity.

"I found it kind of impossible to talk about race identity—or identity at all—from one singular point of view." Simien elaborates that the film discourages pushing an agenda.

"This idea of either rebelling against or assimilating into—that dichotomy that those are the only two choices we have—is why we get so stuck and so caught up... This movie for me is a middle way."

ISimien created a twitter account called @DearWhitePeople which gained over 260,00 followers. He also mentions the growing popularity of Stuff White People Say and Shit White Girls Say as they too featured stereotypes but were taken as jokes. "It occurred to me that by naming the film itself 'Dear White People' I could tap into the burgeoning meme culture as well as make a meta-commentary about the controversies within the film."

Television news site Goshtv revealed that the Simien will be writing and directing the first season of his upcoming show. Simien's responded on Twitter about some of the criticism, reassuring those concerned saying, "There will be no arbitrary mocking of white people in Dear White People."

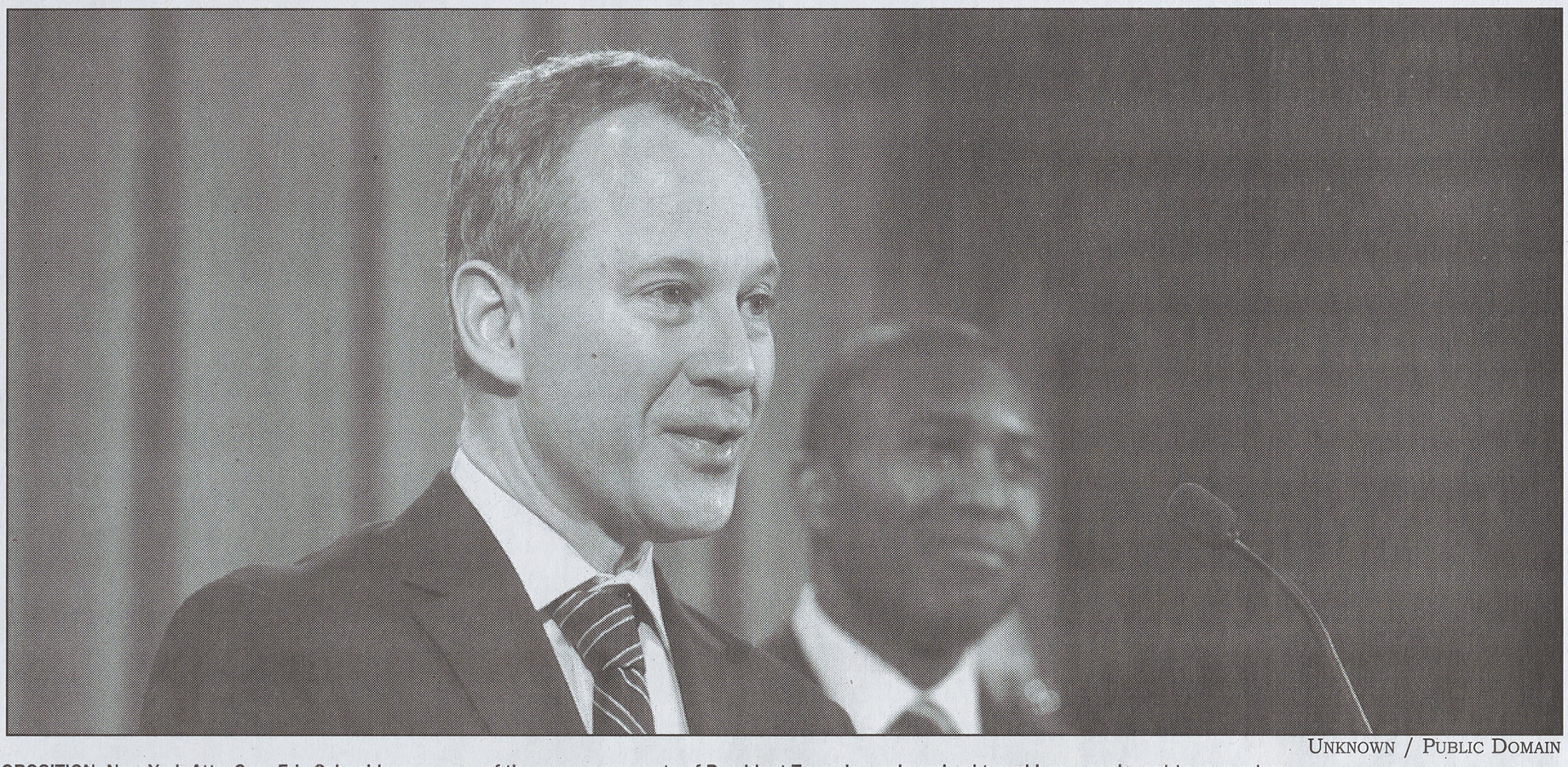
The series will air on Netflix April 28,2017.

OPINION

President Trump takes another swing at the travel ban

Trumps second travel ban removes Iraq from the original list and softens his stance on a few issues, but for many still goes too far.

BY HERBERT ORELLANA
STAFF WRITER



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OPOSITION- New York Atty. Gen. Eric Schneiderman, one of the many opponents of President Trump's newly revised travel ban, speaks out to supporters.

President Donald Trump signed another travel ban that will temporarily prohibit the entrance of people from six Muslim-majority countries, effective March 16th.

The new executive suspends the refugee program in the U.S. for 120 days and imposes a 90-day travel ban on citizens from Yemen, Sudan, Somalia, Syria, Iran and Libya. It will allow entry of 50,000 refugees in a year, dropping from a maximum of 110,000 during the Obama presidency.

Trump's first ban led to a national outrage when thousands of people rallied at airports and in major cities o protest the measure, forcing Trump to revise the policy in order to avoid legal problems.

In the new ban, Syrian nationals are no longer barred indefinitely. Travelers will be subject to a 90-day ban and refugees to 120.

The new document will not affect nationals from the previously mentioned countries who posess permanent residence status and those with valid visas are now exempt.

Iraq has been excluded from the list after the Pentagon urged Homeland Security on the importance of Iraq as an ally in fighting terrorist groups.

Moreover, showing preference to Christian refugees in the previous ban was an considered unconstitutional, forcing the new order to state that there will be no preference to religious minorities that claim persecution in Muslim nations.

This new order comes after the first travel ban was suspended by a federal judge following the challenge made by Washington's attorney general who claimed that the order violated the constitution because it favored specific religions, races, or beliefs over others.

Many cabinet members have shown their support for the new order, Atty. Gen. Jeff Sessions said, "This executive order seeks to protect the American people," adding, "according to the FBI more than 300 people who came here under our refugee program are under investigation for potential terrorism-related activities."

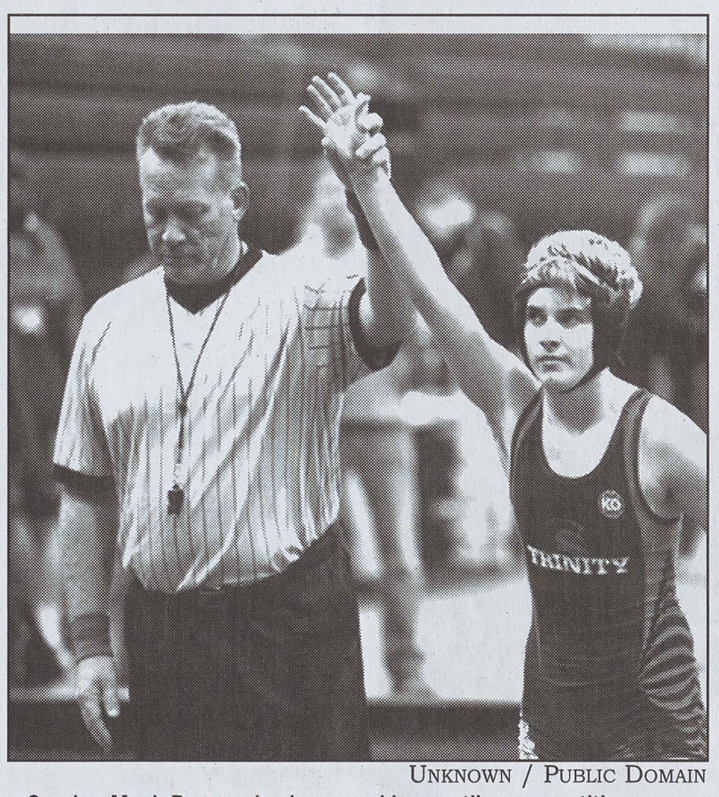
However, many officials have also expressed outrage against this newer measure.

New York Atty. Gen. Eric Schneiderman said, "I urge President Trump to revoke this Executive Order right away. If he does not, I will do everything in my power to fight it."

States continue to wrestle with gender equality issues

Mack Beggs looks, acts and is built like a boy, but state rules required him to compete against girls in state wrestling championships.

BY VICENTE VITELA
STAFF WRITER



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Gender- Mack Beggs wins her round in wrestling competition.

Transgender equality has long been at the epicenter of social issues, especially in sports, and in the recent case of Mack Beggs, one would wonder if we are making the right decisions.

Mack Beggs is a high-school wrestler who will go down in Texas history as the first boy to win a girls' state wrestling championship. Texas is one of seven states in the United States that requires boys and girls to compete according to their sex at birth without regard to their gender identity.

"Honestly, I didn't even care about the boos. This is what I worked for. It finally paid off." Mack Beggs told CNN after winning the title.

Beggs is a 17-year-old junior from Euless Trinity High School and is at the center of media attention due to his win in the girls' state championships. Born a girl, but identifying as a boy, Beggs was forced to wrestle girls. Before the tournament, questions surfaced about whether it was fair for Beggs to compete against girls even though she is built like a boy.

Beggs, who began identifying as a male five years ago, started the medical process to transition from female to male two years ago. The process requires her to take testosterone, which why some say he has an unfair advantage over girl competitors.

"If you're going to transition to a male then, you should continue to take the roles of a male and compete as a male," reported Jordan Gutierrez, according to CNN.

Beggs was required to wrestle in the girls' division or not at all. Due to this rule, the University Interscholastic League, which oversees all public high school athletics, requires that wrestlers can only compete against people of the same gender, as indicated on their birth certificate.

People are outraged because 95 percent of the school superintendents in Texas voted to uphold the rule.

Parents are also protesting Beggs' victory because they said she had an unfair strength advantage said that her championship should be revoked. When school leaders or states are making these kinds that affect a large group, it makes me wonder if we are stuck with antiquated gender roles. We have made leaps and bounds since then, and athletes should be allowed to compete with the gender that they identify with.

There shouldn't be any punishment. Sports should focus on the athleticism and strength of an individual, not their gender.

Women Defy Being Silent

Women refuse to miss out on a day of paid work in order to prove a point.

BY ADRIANA RUBIO
STAFF WRITER

The controversial yet minimally publicized "A Day Without Women", was supposed to make a loud statement towards the women's rights movement today but was quickly clouded by a substantial amount of negativity from working women everywhere.

There is an estimated 123 million women who are part of the U.S. workforce, according to the Women's Bureau, and if all those women participated the country would go into a state of crisis. Not a good thing for men or women. Fortunately, the reality is that most women will not be participating in "A Day Without Women." The movement was organized by the same group, Women's March Global, that started the Women's March on January 21. The strike has received an unusual amount of backlash opposite of the monumentally supportive turnout for the Women's March. There has also been a lack of advertising and publicizing leading up to the women's strike. Valley College freshman, Jahida Velasquez, was a reflection of the lack of broadcasting over today's event.

"I didn't know it was International Women's Day," said Velasquez. "Until I heard it on the radio today, this morning."

Back in January, it was as if the march was the only thing that was being talked about on social media, at workspaces, events, and schools. Today, many women did not even realize it was "International Women's Day", "A Day Without Women", or that they were supposed to wear red in support of it. Velasquez, who was wearing a deep maroon red cardigan, had no idea she was correlating with today's movement.

Velasquez admitted, "I had no clue it signified anything."

Velasquez, being 19 years old, is a prime audience for social media. If Velasquez did not receive the news until the day of the event, then where does that leave the rest of men and women who are not nearly as active on social media? Over 3 million women were said to have marched in protest of President Trump's opposition on the rights women have over their own bodies, according to New York based online news site, Heavy.

The truth is as much as women support women, the majority who did know about today's strike were not willing to financially lose a day of work and productivity to prove their importance. Many felt that skipping out on work did the opposite for the cause they have diligently been fighting for. Opinion contributor to The Hill, Diana Stancy, holds nothing back in her piece expressing her strong views against the participation in "A Day Without Women".

"The strike is not empowering to women. It will not advance women in the workforce." Stancy writes, "It does not prove to these women's bosses they deserve a raise."

Regardless of the opposition to today's strike, to disagree does not symbolize a setback or the divisiveness of women. It should only serve to empower women who do hold opinions,. They are not joining every movement because that is what the masses or the women from Women's March Global are telling them to do. Women everywhere are voicing themselves, whether they agree with something or not. Emma Watson, a largely recognized public figure and favored feminist, speaks out on the misunderstandings behind feminism and feminist movements.

"Feminism is not a stick with which to beat other women with." Watson said. "It's about freedom, it's about liberation, it's about equality. Feminism is about giving women choice."

If there is anything society needs to take away from the lack of participation it is that women are not followers. Whether they decide to show up to work or not, they are still making a point. Valley Psychology Department Chair, Ron Mossler, had no professors in his department call in sick in support the strike which he felt sends a positive message to students.

"College is a place to have those discussions (speaking about women's rights)," Mossler said. "rather than stay home."

Yes, "A Day Without Women" was poorly advertised which was a huge factor in the small number of participants. However, it was also a highly controversial and not everyone agrees with the silent treatment. Silent or not, women are still united, fighting for the same cause, and being heard all around the world.

SPORTS/JUMPS

Lady Monarchs basketball roundup

BY EMMANUEL CORDOVA
STAFF WRITER

A lack of offence and trouble on defense ended Valley College's chances of bringing home a women's basketball championship when the Monarchs lost a regional semi-final contest to Ventra College 65-50.

The Monarchs finished the 2016-2017 season with a 23-7 record, which was a big improvement from last season's 14-14 record. They also added another 2017 East Division Championship, which gives the Lady Monarch 11 conference champions.

However, in the semi-final game against Ventura earlier this month, the Lady Monarchs had trouble on offence and defense. The starters totaled 38 combined points against the Pirates. On defense, they struggled to stop Ventura's Katie Campbell who poured 26 points, while her teammate, Rhiana Dougan chipped in with 14 points.

The Lady Monarchs held a five-point lead in the beginning of the game, but quickly lost the lead and the momentum. Ventura pushed its lead to 15 at one point and never looked back.

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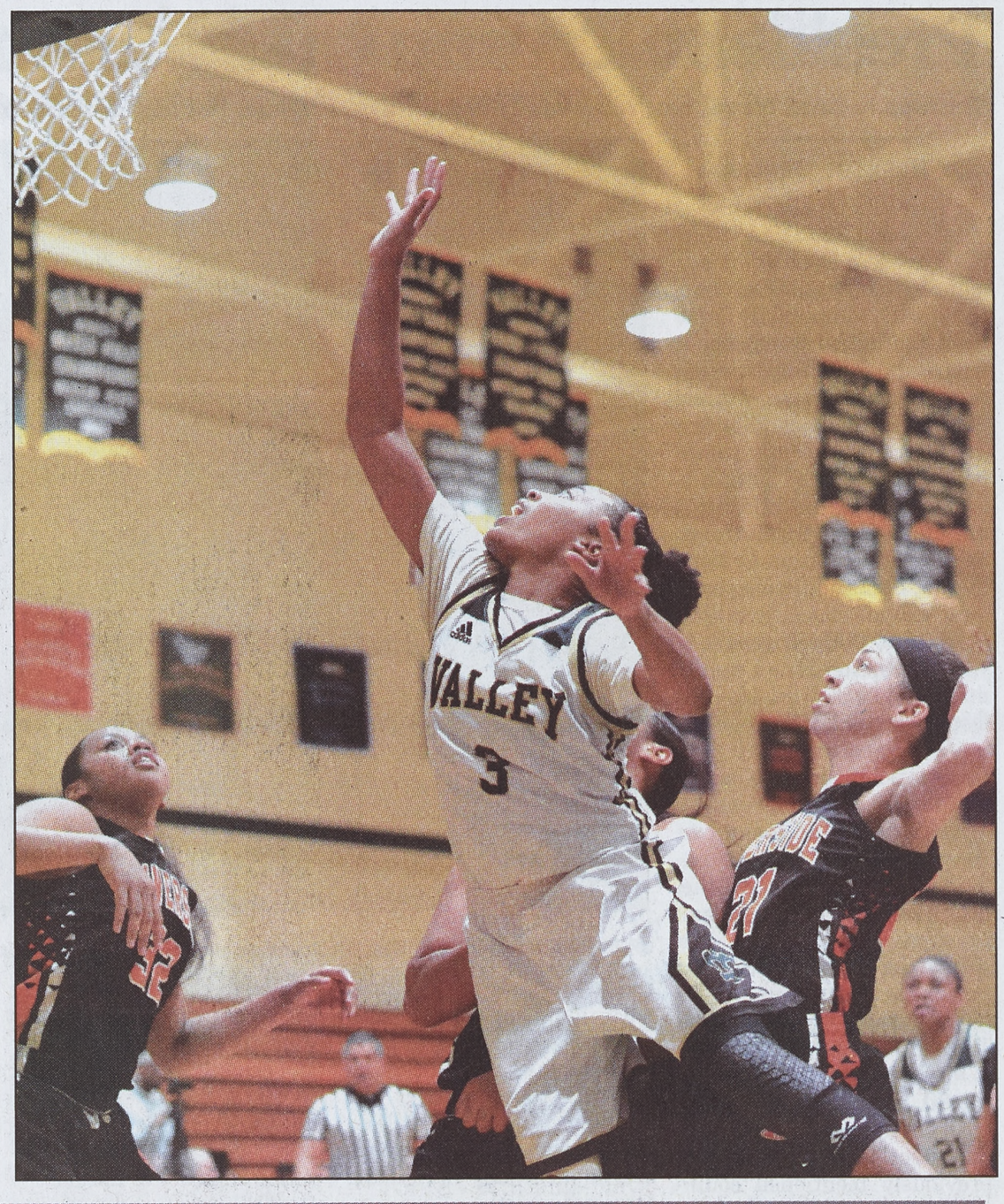

'Kids'

supervisor at the FRC, "...but the most important thing is that kids are good observers and they learn from each other."

For students with children that benefit from the Family Resource Center this place is a great help. The study lounge offers assistance with their children and that is something places like public libraries do not have.

"The FRC is a blessing because they provide free book lending, free computer use and printing, and most importantly the interns love your children," Said student parent Charmaine Cram, "the FRC is like a second home."

They also provide many other free services to parent-students: free baby clothing, finding childcare, free book lending, lactation room, playgroups and more. If you are a student with children looking for help and support, the Family Resource Center at Valley College is the place to go.

"Student-parents don't need to be empowered, they are already empowered," said Angel, "the student-parent need support and the Family Resource Center is here for support."

The family resource center also holds a children's playgroup two times a week, during Fall, Spring and Summer semesters, a twenty-hour prior reservation is required. Unlike the Kid-Friendly study lounge, children's playgroup is not limited to Valley students but is open to the whole community.

Students must be enrolled in at least one class per semester and are given a scholarship that covers the cost of the playgroup while members of the community pay $150 per semester/family. Many community members and student parents attend the playgroups hoping to see improvements in their children's social and educational skills.

PHOTO BY/ ANA RAMOS

QUALITY TIME- The new center helps alleviate some of the pressure on young parents, allowing busy students who have young children to study and still spend time with thier kids.

"It's the exposure they get when playing with other kids," says William Flores, a father who takes his son weekly, "they mimic each other and learn."

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Flores feels it's important to take children to playgroups and he has seen a lot of social improvements since bringing his son to play and that it is a very great and healthy environment.

"His confidence level has somewhat increased and his social skills have definitely gotten better," said Flores, "he used to be a loner and now is more open to trying different things."

For more information, Student parents should contact Amber Angel, coordinator of the family resource center playgroups and study lounge.

'Sanctuary'

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Vice President of Academic Affairs Karen Daar released a statement regarding Valley College views on the issue saying, " Valley College does stand strong with the CSUs in our shared perspective on supporting student rights."

This effort started with administration of President Barack Obama, whose strong attempts have held resistance to stop deportation. Trump has threatened to cancel federal funding for sanctuary cities, such as San Francisco, who have strongly declined cooperation with federal immigration authorities.

In Los Angeles, the school board president is concerned that the movement could lead to cuts in federal aid.

'Vote'

In the races for the LA Community College District Trustee seats, incumbent Ernest H. Moreno held on to Seat 4 and Gabriel Buelna bested sitting trustee Nancy Pearlman for Seat 6. Steven Veres will face Steve Goldstein on May 16 in a battle for seat number 2 at the helm of the nine-campus college district that includes Valley College.A county-wide increase to the sales tax was also barely approved, together with longer In the races for the LA Community College District Trustee seats, incumbent Ernest H. Moreno held on to Seat 4 and Gabriel Buelna bested sitting trustee Nancy Pearlman for Seat 6. Steven Veres will face Steve Goldstein on May 16 in a battle for seat number 2 at the helm of the nine-campus college district that includes Valley College.

A county-wide increase to the sales tax was also barely approved, together with longer leases at the Port of Los Angeles. Meanwhile, in the City of Angeles, marijuana sales will be regulated and taxed according to the city-sponsored Measure M and not the resoundingly trounced competing Measure N. Angelenos overwhelmingly said "NO" to Measure S, the proposed two-year moratorium on exceptions for new developments being built within city limits.

The L.A. Times reported that only 14.45% of registered voters took part in this election, beating the 2009 record of just 18%

'Blood'

enjoy snacks provided by the Red Cross that include cookies, water, and juice.

The Be The Match co-sponsored the event, a national nonprofit organization run by the City of Hope, which registers people to donate bone marrow.

Veronica Mejia, decided to donate to Be The Match because her daughter has Sickle Cell. "I saw they were here and thought I should totally go," Mejia said.

The blood drive, which lasted from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., featured around 10 volunteers, and the Red Cross plans a return visits to Valley April 12, May 16, and June 27.